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At the Bridge.

"They are late Mabel, are they not? What can have detained them?" Mabel was the handsomer of the two. he was hurled into the abys.

Both the girls were in riding habits, and in one neatly gloved hand Louise held a riding whip, with which she imboot that peeped out from beneath her

upon Mabel's fair face, was the figure face. of a young man, apparently about of a far different nature.

" Ah, here they come at last !" cried | torrent. Louise "But Amie is alone. What

pace up to the house; and before Clar- whispered: ately greeted her two friends as they wife?" ran down the steps.

to go to Blackdale this morning," she | you!" said, in reply to Mabel's eager inquiry, "but will meet us at the little bridge." "Come, then, brother Clarence let us mount and away," cried Louise, fiercely away.

"John is bringing out the horses," was Clarence's reply. "Come," he thing, only save him !"

Soon all were mounted and then,

rode off. reach the bridge first. Louise and Amy Eagerly he grasped them, and clung Halstead are deep in some confidential with all his declining strength to the conference, and will scarcely miss us."

Mabel acceeded, and soon Louise and sight, and slackening his horse's speed, to his task.

Clarence said.

it is ?" Clarence, I can think of nothing you could say to me of such great impor-

tance."

you. Will you be my wife?'

face with her hands.

do not cast me off without a hope of joy. Grasping it, she exerted all her winning your love," he pleaded.

right !" A strange look came into Clarence solid earth, and stood before her. you thus repulse my love? Why can she sank to the earth

you not bid me hope?"

his face, and an evil look shone in his I owe my life!-Look up, dearest!" have won the heart of a true man, and upon her pale cheek. now throw it from you Beware!"

to another."

" I have—' sharp ring of hoofs caused him to look and hurried forward. up, and he saw, coming toward them at | Soon the story was told; and with he thought-but as it came nearer, he | proceeded homeward from the saddle, yet clinging to the Clarence Lamont was recovered; and almost flying steed.

bridge!" and Mabel's voice rang out in | cousin. away by the angry waters; and in its tell who were the two that were made place a yawning abys, far too wide for one.

since. Hark! I hear it plainer now." the very brink of the chasm; and then, cousin. The speakers stood in the verandah of with a moment's hesitation, the leap a handsome country seat in Dorsetshire. was taken. As the horse hesitated The first, Louise Lamont, was a tall, upon the bank, the rider strove to dishandsome brunette, with dark, languish | engage himself from his doomed steed ; ing eyes and raven tresses. Her cousin but it was too late, and with a wild cry

Perfect symmetry of form, combined | Mute with supense, the two riders with regular, delicate features; her sat stricken dumb with fear until the golden hair falling in ringlets over her instant that the frightened steed he-ifaultless shoulders she presented a tated upon the brink of the abys; and dicture of loveliness but rarely met then as both recognized the doomed rider, Mabel shricked:

"Oh, Ernest, Ernest!"

sprung from her saddle and affection dition, and that is, promise to be my

"Promise, and I will." " I cannot!"

"Then he shall die!" and he turned "Oh, Clarence, do not leave him

Save him! save him! I promise any-

added, as Mabel's steed was brought Triumphant now, Clarence quickly detached the bridle from his horse, and with one look at Mabel, advanced until Mabel and Clarence in advance, all he stood upon the brink of the chasm; and then leaning far over, he flung the "Cousin Mabel, let us ride on and reins down to the drowning man.

timely succor. "Remember your promise!" cried her friend were left behind. A turn in Clarence, as he turned for an instant

whole future life. Can you guess what the bank on which he stood, already A look of surprise came over the fair torrent, slid forward into the seething

Harence Lamont. Another shriek came from the maid be made is a steamship, cannon or a en's lips, but she did not faint. Nerved repeating rifle - Iron Age. "It is this," and his face finshed, by fear, she sprang forward and eagerly and his voice was low with emotion; gazed down into the chasm, and there

deepty-passionately, since I hist saw the waves, but still clinging to the

"Oh, Clarence, I cannot! I am so When Clarence tossed the bridle sorry!" and the maiden covered her from him, it caught upon a low bush thet grew upon the bank, and toward "Oh, Mabel, give me some hope; this the maiden turned with a cry of strength to aid her lover, and not in "Clarence, I cannot! I have no vain, for soon the strain ceased, and Ernest Halstead had clambered to the

Lamont's eyes, but in a moment it was "Saved! saved!" she marmured; gone, and he said, "Oh, Mabel, why do and then her strength deserted her and

Pale and weak with his exertions, "Never can I be aught to you but a her lover bent over her and gently friend, Clarence, and a friend I always raised her prostrate form to his bosom. Then as she slowly opened her eyes, Again that strange look came over he whispered, "Darling Mabel, to you

eyes, as he hissed between his set teeth, A sweet smile was his answer, and 'Mabel you have trifled with me. You bending his heal, he pressed a kiss "Clarence, where are you?" cried

"No, Clarence, I have not trifled the voice of Louise at this moment; and with you;" the maiden's voice was in another instant the two girls rode up. clear and steady now; "I am betrothed | "Why, Mabel, what is the matter? -Where is my brother?" was the startled inquiry of Louise, as with sud-The words died upon his lips, for the den alarm she sprang from her horse

a rapid pace, a horse--riderless, at first pale, grief-stained faces the little party saw the form of a man, half thrown It was late that day ere the body of

when he was laid in the tomb, none "Oh heavens! the bridge! the wept more deeply than his gentle a wild, despairing cry. One glance, Three months after there was a quiet and Clarence saw the cause of Mabel's | wedding at the handsome country seat alarm; the bridge was gone-washed in Dorsetshire; and there is no need to

a horse to leap, and toward this the Never, not even to her husband, has frighted steed was coming at fearful Mabel told the story of her promise at that fatal bridge; but burying it "I am sure I cannot tell. I fancied On, on, came the horse, panting with in the past, she remembers it only I heard the ring of hoofs a moment terror and exertion, till it stood upon as the one fault of her unfortunate

AMERICAN FIREARMS IN EUROPE

garded in Europe bids fair to give there until they have paid the debt of them the preference over all forms of unture, after which they are buried rifles and muskets now in use in the with all the ceremonies of the disciples Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law. armies of the great powers, not excepting the Chassepot and needle gun, the Sueider and the new English arm. the Martini Henry During the late European war, we exported to France. One look at the maiden's agonized ir m this port, not less than 600,000 that a new signal light, possessing most face, and Clarence had read her secret, muskets; but these shipments are of remarkable properties, has just been patiently tapped the toe of the dain'y and an evil, sinister glow lit up his trifling importance compared with the brought out in England. Its peculiarheavy orders which our manufacturers lities are that it is self-igniting when "Oh, Clarence, save him, save him!" have received for the most approved placed in water or thrown on the sea. At one side, negligently leaning and the maiden laid his hand upon his patterns of rifles, which have received Contact with water being the only against a pillar, his dark eyes fixed arm, and looked pleadingly up in his the approval of the American Govern. means of igniting the lamp, it is inexment, and were subjected to practical tinguishable when once ignited; nei-With one spring Clarence had reach- and satisfactory tests in the late civil ther wind nor storm has any effect upon twenty years of age. In features Clar- ed the edge of the chasm, and gazed war. Among the new American rifles, the flame. The light is of intense brilence Lamot resembled his sister Louise; auxiously down into the roaring waters; the Remington seems to be the most liancy, and of great duration, and can but while one face was a type of pure and then he saw the half submerged popular, abroad as well as at home. be seen for a great dis ance in the open womanly beauty, there was a hardness body of Ernest Halstead desperately The first European order for the Rem- air. Photographs may be taken by it PORTLAND - - - - OREGON. about the mouth of the other that told clinging to a part of the bridge that lington rifle was received some five Experiments were tried on the evening remained in the midst of the angry years ago from Denmark, to which of the 24th of April at 10 o'clock, in country 42,000 were shipped. Since the presence of some scientific gentle-His wicked heart gave a triumphant then. Sweden has taken 30,000, Cuba, men, to determine its brilliancy as a can have detained her brother Er- bound as he thus recognized the deadly 50,000; Egypt, 110,000; Rome, 10,- signal. A lamp was placed in a bucket peril of his rival; and, turning to Ma | 000; Japan, 3.000; France 150.000; of water on the top of Primrose Hill, As she spoke, a young lady, mounted bel, who stood mute with terror by the and Greece, 30,000. The German London, and the light was so intense on a pretty little pony, rode at a rapid side of her passive steed, he hoarsely Government has not ventured the ex- that, after the signal had been burning periment as yet, but it is stated on high for twenty minutes, small newspaper style. Thankful to his old customers and ence could reach her side, she had "Mabel, I will save him on one con- military authority that the needle gun print could be distinctly read at a dis- friends for former patronage, he respectfully is not entirely satisfactory, and that if tance of seventy feet, notwithstanding solicits a continuance of the same the proposed re-armament of the Ger. that the night was thick and foggy. "I cannot! I cannot! Do not tor- man forces is carried into effect, the This light will burn for forty minutes. "Earnest was unexpectedly obliged ture me thus. Save him, I command American arm will be given a chance In construction the lamp is exceedingly Committee on Railroads to compete with those of European simple, and so contrived that when manufacture. Besides the Remington once burned the whole may be thrown | Central Railroad (West Side) is completed into | them. exported, we have sent abroad many away. The chemical preparation con- Polk County, they will issue orders to all conthousand stands of old muskets, 20,000 tained in the lamp is a solid, hard sub-Berdan rifles, and upwards of 600,000 .- stance, free from danger, not affected 000 cartridges. We have also sent by heat, and so non explosive; and the abroad a considerable amount of ordi | signal is comparatively inexpensive. Its nance, heavy and light. Altogether, applications for marine signals are nuour shipments of arms to Europe, merous. In case of shipwreck, a few since the commencement of the late lamps thrown on the sea would illumi. M. Ellis, at Laclede, formerly known as Cluff's continental war, are said to have nate the entire scene, and enable assistreached the following enormous totals: ance to be promptly and efficiently ren-500,000 carbines and rifles, 20,000 dered For rocket-line apparatus it is revolvers, 224,247 Remington arms of equally valuable, as bursting into various kinds, 300 Parrot guns, 36 flame in falling into the sea, it would Gattling batteries, and over 100,000, indicate the position of the rocket line. 000 cartridges. It is to be regretted In connection with life buoys, it would that commerce in war material is not at an end for ever, but while there exists the road quickly hid them from their toward the maiden, and then again bent a market for such goods, which must be supplied from some source, it is wonderful what a change a few days But suddenly, with a wild cry, he gratifying to our national pride to have made in the general aspect of that "Mabel, I have something to say to cast the bridle far from him, and know that the skill of our inventors is city. With the exception of the rvins you; something that will influence my sprang backward. But it was too late; recognized and appreciated abroad, and and the crowds of strangers which surthat American arms are considered round them from morning to night, loosened from its base by the foaming superior to the best of those made there is little to remind one that the elsewhere. The old world cannot teach city has just been the theatre of a civil listener's face, and she said, "Indeed, waters, burying beneath it the body of us much that is worth knowing about war. working in iron, whether the article to

"I love you, Mabel; I have loved you saw her lover manfully struggling with | Demorest's Monthly for \$4 a year.

A CHINESE DEATH BED.

[From the San Francisco Bulletin.] The Chinese have many customs peculiar to their nation, which strike the "outside Larbarian" as being unnatural and strange. Their religious traditions are so deep-rooted and so strongly tostered by superstition as to give little encouragement to missionary laborers. The superstitions are those pertaining to the disposition of their dying and dead relatives. Very often the dead bodies of Chinese men and women are found in untenanted buildings in the Chinese quarter of the city, and those unacquainted with their superstitions are prone to set the desertions of dying friends down as an act of selfishness. This, however, is not so, as the Chinese believe that if persons die in a house that they live in before death, their spirits will haunt the place ever afterwards, and give unpleasant evidence of their presence to all who remain. In order to prevent the manifestation of the restless spirit, as soon as the doctor gives it as his opinion that a patient caunot survive, he is taken to another place of this kind was reported to the Coroner. A young Chinawoman, who had been given up by the attending physician was carried by her relative to an untenanted house on Ellis Place, off Paed her in her best clothing, spread a new matting on the floor, and laid her on it. They brought in perserves, meat, fruits, candies, boiled rice, etc. lighted some punks and retired, leaving her alone to wait the coming of the common destroyer. During the day she died, and was found last night, Coroner Letterman removed the body, and it is now at the morgne awaiting the further action of the relatives, who will probably leave her to be disposed of by the city, as is generally their practice in such cases. Many Chinamen-those of the wealthy classesdo not desert their dead friends, and for furtherance of this desire there are The favor with which the improved several hospitals fitted up in order that | wall-practice in all the Courts of the State. 1 patterns of American firearms are re- those about to die may be removed

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